

A1800 Final Trench Report (GRP)

Trench A1800 was excavated by Kristina Killgrove from 02 June 03 to 04 June 03. It was continued by Gloria Park from 24 June 03 to 27 June 03 with workmen Michalis and Michalis, and assistants Jennifer Ferris and Renee Wiederin.

Trench A1800 represents the sloped exterior space immediately north of Trench A2100, adjacent to the wall A1802. The trench extends from an eastern bedrock outcropping (highest point of the trench) to the spine wall to the west (lowest point). Trench A200 forms the northern limit of A1800 along a natural line of bedrock, and wall A1802 (the northern wall of the kitchen A2100) marks the southern limit. Benchmark R8 was used (366.488), though elevations in the trench notebook are calculated with the benchmark elevation having a value of 0.0 m.

Depositional History/Conclusion

The western, upper section of A1800 produced no architecture, and bedrock was exposed beneath the brush removal (A1801).

To the east, below the sloping bedrock, topsoil removal exposed a curved structure with two low, narrow walls (now A1804) that lies just north of wall A2113. A1804 does not appear to be architecturally related to wall A2113.

The upper, eastern wall of this feature is stepped up above the lower, western wall (approx. 0.33 m.), thus giving the feature the appearance of a low, curved bench or steps. The upper, western wall continues to the north and west as wall A2301 (See Trench Report, A2300, excavated by PAV). The lower wall of this feature is in turn stepped up (c. 0.29 m.) above a surface of reddish-brown clay with several paving stones. This surface, however, seems not to be preserved further than 1.20 m. east of A1804, perhaps due to erosion.

Though the form of structure A1804 does not immediately suggest a function, its relationship to other features in the area is perhaps meaningful:

Just below (east) and slightly south of the feature, there a break in the spine wall was identified (see Trench Report for A2100 for discussion of spine wall), at which two probable steps were discovered. These, together with a short wall leading up from the spine wall, seem to lead up to the area of the paved surface in front of the curved structure A1804.

Additional steps were discovered in trench A2300 that follow the line of the steps described above.

A1804, then, may represent a kind of landing or paved transitional space between two flights of stairs—one leading up from the spine wall, and other leading along wall A2301. The continuation of the upper wall of A1804 as A2301 supports this notion.

Attempts to stratigraphically link A1804 with the lower spine wall steps, however, were not productive, as the floor was not preserved far enough east to establish a relationship with the lower area.

Locus List and Identification

A1801: clearing of brush

A1803: fill above paved floor

A1805: fill between eastern edge of paved floor and spine wall

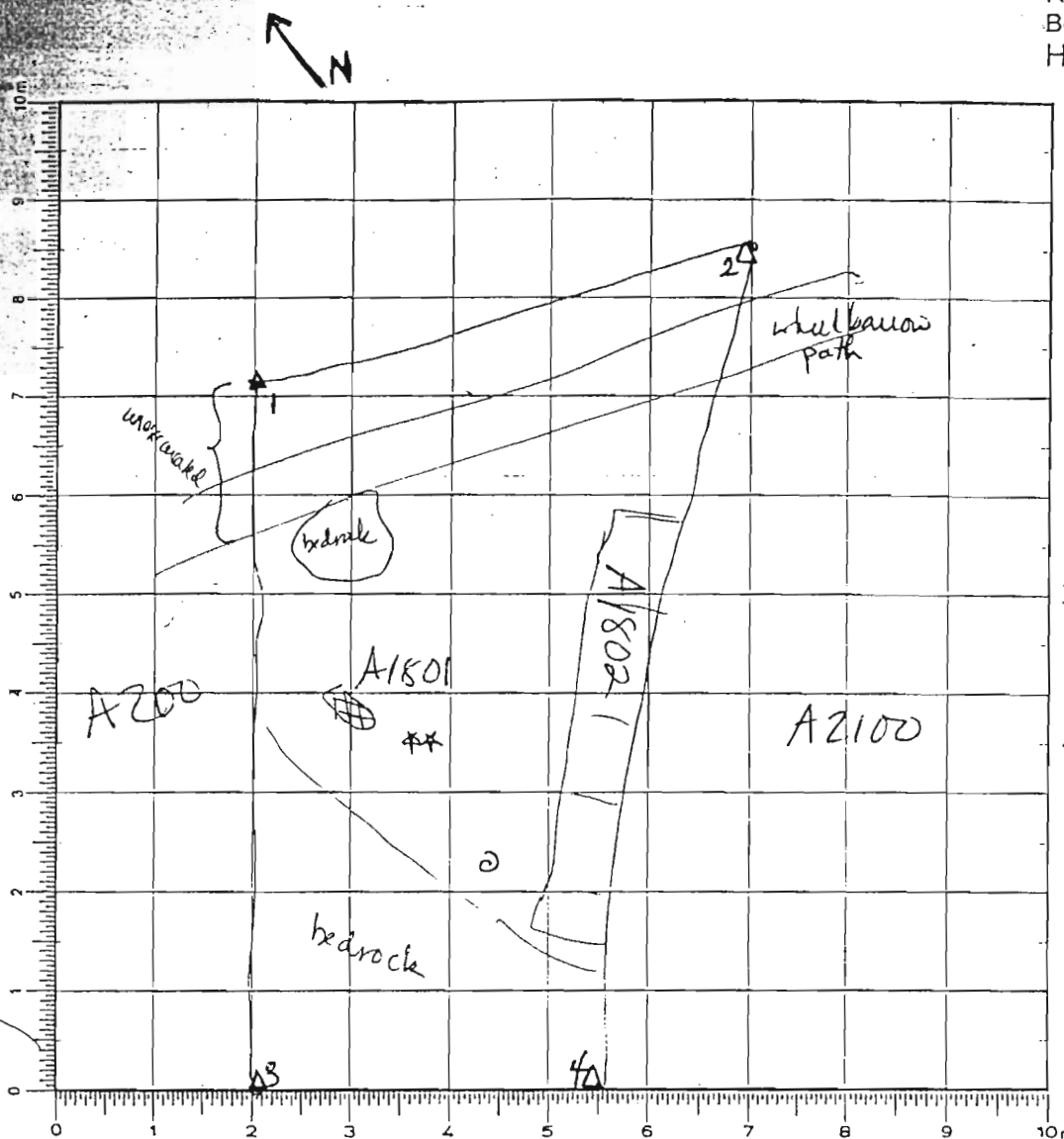
Architecture List and Identification:

A1802: northern wall of Trench A2100, constructed of roughly rectangular stones, threshold preserved; wall not preserved below erosion line

A1804: curved structure with narrow, low double walls and a small paved surface in front (east) of it

Elevations

Benchmark used: R6
Reading on
Benchmark: 4.255
H.I.: 369.975



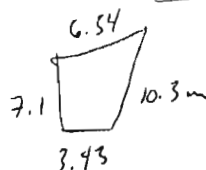
opening

1. 366.557
2. 366.444
3. 369.065
4. 369.877

closing

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

* burned to charcoal



SKETCH 1:75 N
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Today's date: 2 Jun 2003 Locus above: N/A

Verbal description: First part of trench A1800. Initial dimensions of 3.43m(S), 7.1m(W), 10.3m(E), 6.34m(N). Surface collection of sherds 2+3 Jun, beginning of wall A1802 (q.v.). Concentration of burned/decomposed organic material in SW (different soil = wet, black) and some burned rock, one piece of charcoal.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary): Mostly surface clearing, coming down on harder, packed stuff (will get in second pass). Probably some rock tumble from walls. Bedrock, charcoal, organic decomposition.

[illegible]

OBJECTS

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

[illegible]

Workers:

Matina + Pondaliv

Year 2003 Trench/Locus A1801 Excavator KK

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

3/Jan/03: ^{Opening} Elevations from R6 (365.72) for 1st pass

~~R6~~ HI=4.255

1. 3.418
 2. 3.531
 3. 0.890
- R6B 4.625
4. 0.468

4/Jan/03: closing elevations from ~~R6~~ ~~4.255~~ G's point for 1st pass (A1801.1,2)

~~R6~~ HI=4.943

1. 4.925
2. 4.956
3. 2.373
4. 1.624

Opened trench on 2 Jan with brush + surface clearing. Label A1802 was immediately evident. Digging started on 3 Jan with first pass. Workers hit bedrock in southern area of trench, plus some charcoal and decomposing organic material. Pottery pail was changed b/c surface collection of 2 Jan was already numbered. Opening elevations taken on 3 Jan before start of digging. Took closing elevations of second pass on 4 Jan. Found concentration of sheep/goat bone + teeth near bedrock outcropping in NW quadrant on 3 Jan. Planned to start next pass on 4 Jan but switched trenches. Will return once A2200 and A2100 are ~~complete~~ excavated.

4 Jan 03 - Appears GP excavating part of A1801 in SW, near upslope bedrock (wall?) as cleaning pass.

16 Jan 03 - Terracotta lid pulled out during pottery reading + catalogued.

Year 2003 Trench/Locus A1802 Excavator KIK

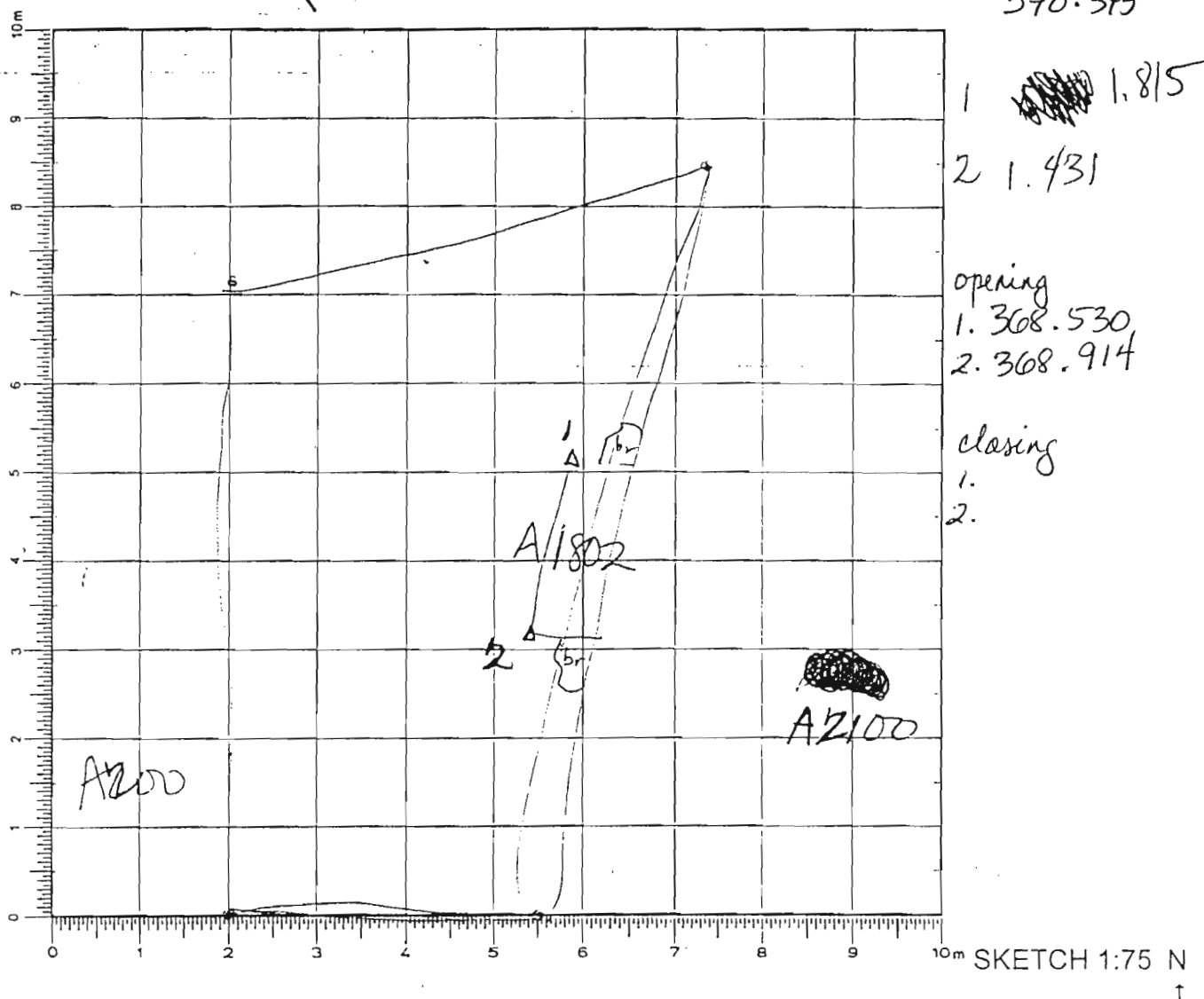
Elevations

Benchmark used: *R6*

Reading on

Benchmark: 4.125

H.I.: 370.345

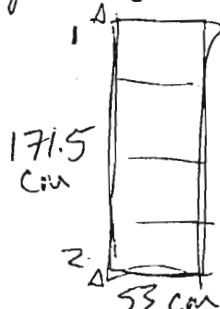


DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain **why** you changed locus numbers):

Today's date: 3 Jun 03. Locus above: $\longrightarrow N/A$

Locus parameters: Wall runs along NE side of trench. So far 17.5 x 53 cm.

Verbal description: *well*



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Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary): 11/11/11 A. 12/11/11 B. 11/11/11 C.

3/6/03 { Wall - so far (3/5/03) at least 2 courses preserved.
opening: 171.5×53 cm } Probably doesn't continue very far b/c of
closing: large chunks of bedrock on either side

Year 2005

Trench/Locus

A802

Excavator

KK

Locus/Pottery
Pail Number

Weight of
Sherds

Number
of Sherds

Chronology & Comments

OBJECTS

Object
Number

Associated
Pottery Pail

Identification
(material/form)

LocationElevation

Catalogue
Number

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

Locus/Pottery
Pail Number

Bones

Shell

Carbon

Pumice

Soil
Sample

Other
(specify)

A1802.1

workmen: Martina + Pandali

Year 2003 Trench/Locus A1802 Excavator KK

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery find(s)]:

3/Jan/03: Elevations from R6 (365.72)

HIB 4.625

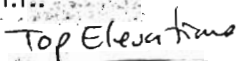
1. 1.815
2. 1.431

2/Jan Shell found in ^{soil} matrix of wall. Labeled it 102.1. Probably modern inclusion, though.

4/Jan/03: GP beginning excavations of upslope part of A1801. Wall (A1802) not much better defined. GP found crosswalls in trench A2100.

Running Section: 4 Jan 03

Benchmark used:
Reading on
Benchmark:
H.I.:



(See 41801 dug by KK)

Bottom Elevations

(see p. 2)

Not to Scale

~~SKETCH 1.75-N~~

DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date:

Locus above: —

24 Jun 03

Locus parameters: ~~line~~ lower section of trench

Verbal description:

01.3 We dig into trench A1800 in order to find the northern extension of wall 42113. A1801.2 was the last pit, dug by KKK (see top elevations there). We begin by removing topsoil in lower section of the trench to uncover the wall.

801.4 removal of soil in the area of A1801.3, ~~including~~ also ~~to the~~ ^{past}, just south of the line of A1177.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

topsoil/fill

Year 03

Trench/Locus

A1801

Excavator

Grip

[illegible]

OBJECTS

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

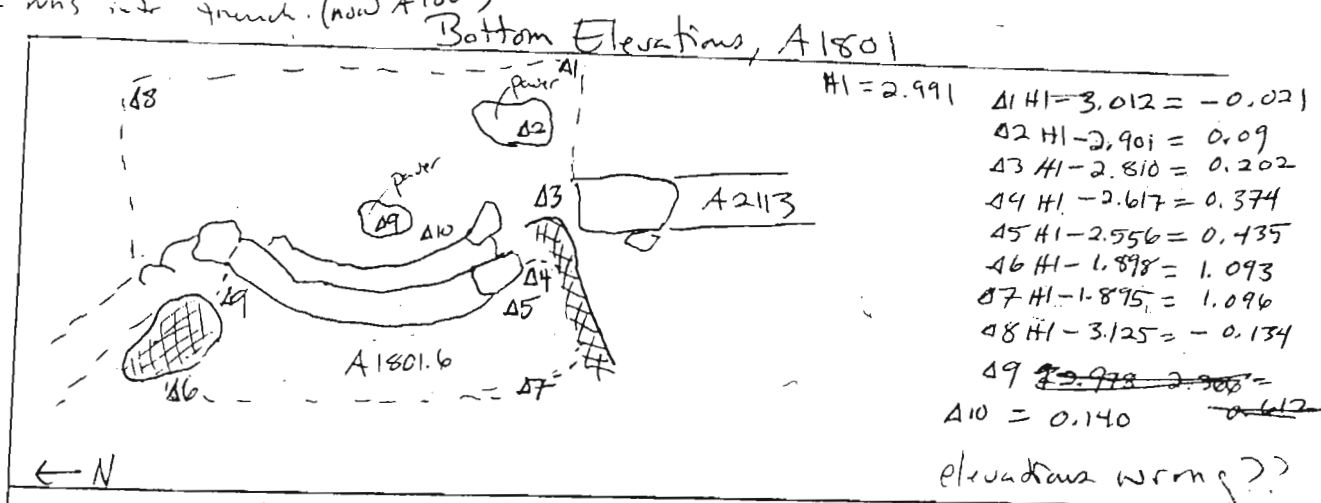
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Year 03 Trench/Locus A1801 Excavator GRP

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pair(s)]:

Stone, ~~similar to other~~ as it seems to lie in line with the stones between A2113 and the spine wall, perhaps also pavers for a walkway. A1801.4 is stopped for the end of the day.

25 Jun 03 Today we continue the pass begun in A1801.4 as A1801.5. We uncover a curved built feature that seems to continue A2113, and turn a corner at the north end, where it runs into ground. (now A1801.6)



We change plans to take another pass above the curved feature or before the ~~stone~~ upper course of stones (A1801.6). The soil is very pebbly and has few sherds (upper level of packing behind the feature?) (west)

Year 03 Trench/Locus 1803 Excavator GRP

Elevations

Benchmark used:

Reading on

Benchmark:

H.I.: ~~2.977~~ 2.978

Bottom Elevations

A1 H1 - 2.910 = 0.068

A2 H1 - 2.903 = 0.075

A3 H1 - 2.614 = 0.364

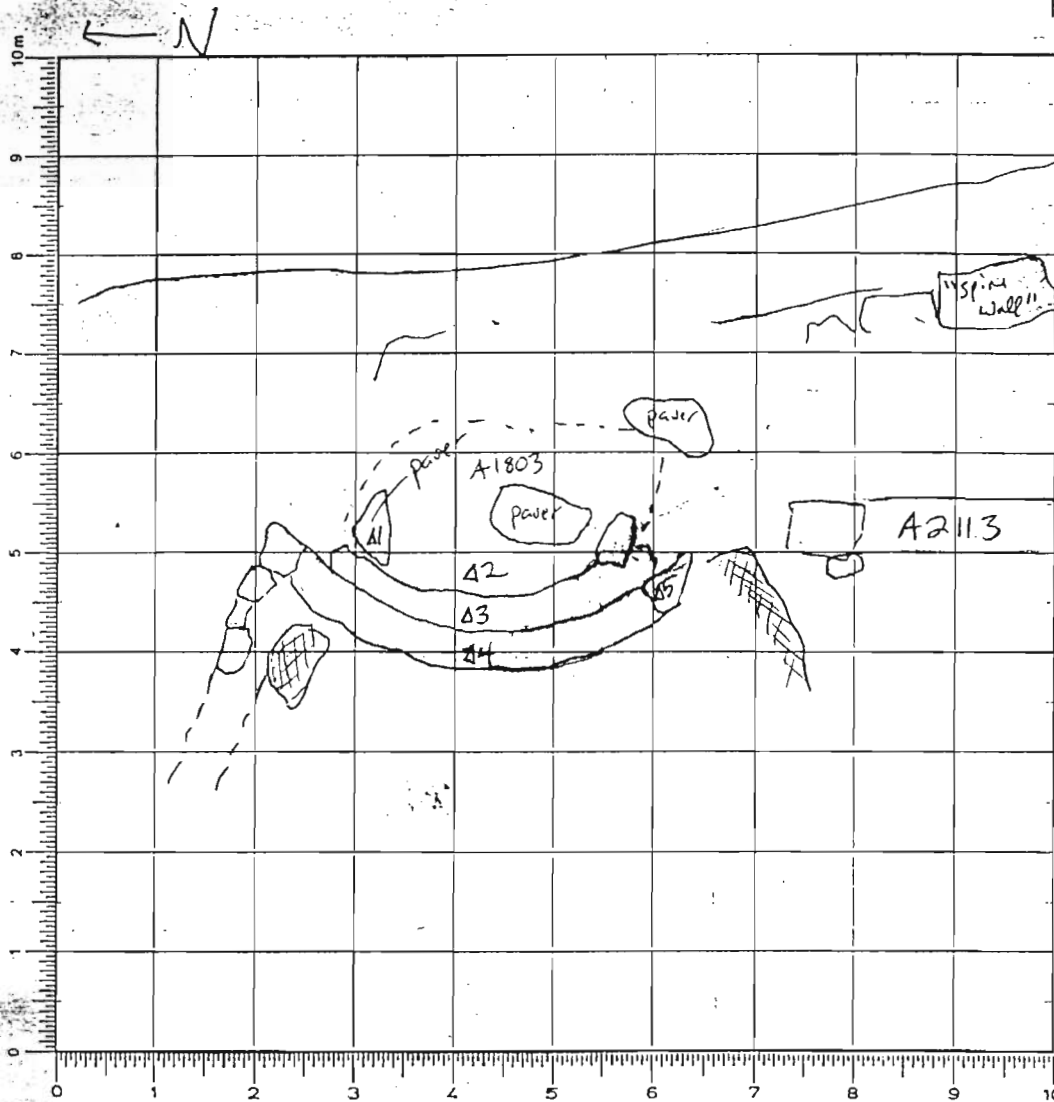
A4 H1 - 2.343 = 0.635

A5 H1 - 2.553 = 0.425

Top Elevations

~~0.670~~

See A1801 (GRP)



DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date:

Locus above: 180125 Jun 03Locus parameters: area in front (east) of the curved line of stones.

Verbal description:

(i. 0.02 m)

We dig a very small pass of the red ^{brown} clay to the east (in front of) the round feature to expose one of the pavers that appear around the curved feature. We take an intensive soil sample here and secure 100%. One of the pavers on the north side of the feature seems to be beneath the wall - (now wall A1804)

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

red clay - packing of A1804 and packing of pavers in front of it.

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OBJECTS-_____

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

[illegible]

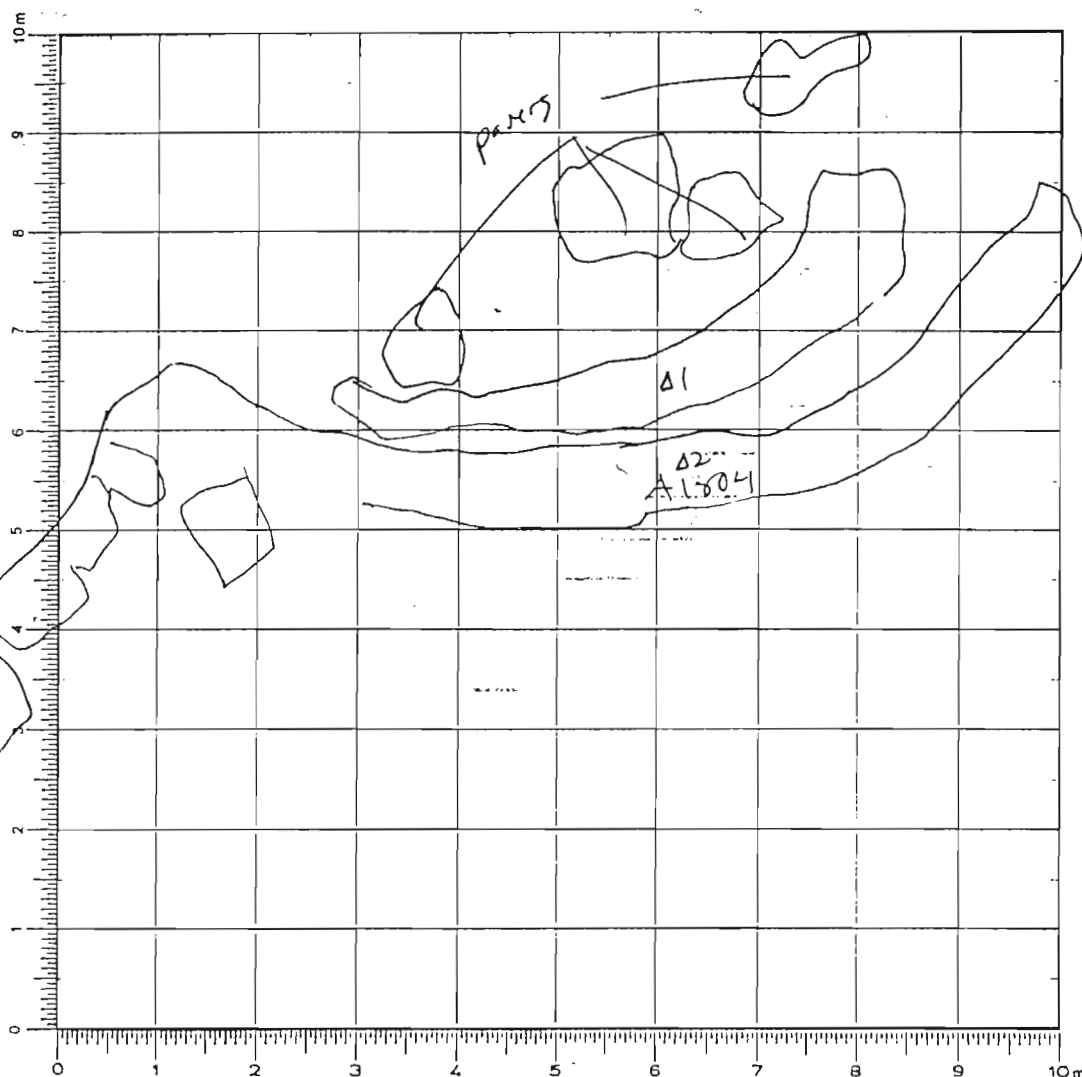
Year 03 Trench/Locus A1804 Excavator GRP**Elevations**

Benchmark used:

Reading on

Benchmark:

H.I.:

A1804: (see A1803 for
calculations) $\Delta 1 = 0.066$ $\Delta 2 = 0.075$ SKETCH ~~175~~ N
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DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date:

Locus above: —

25 Jun 03

Locus parameters:

Verbal description:

curved feature with double walls and paving stones
in front.

Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

Built feature with ^{low} double walls

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[illegible]

OBJECTS

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL COLLECTED MATERIAL

[illegible]

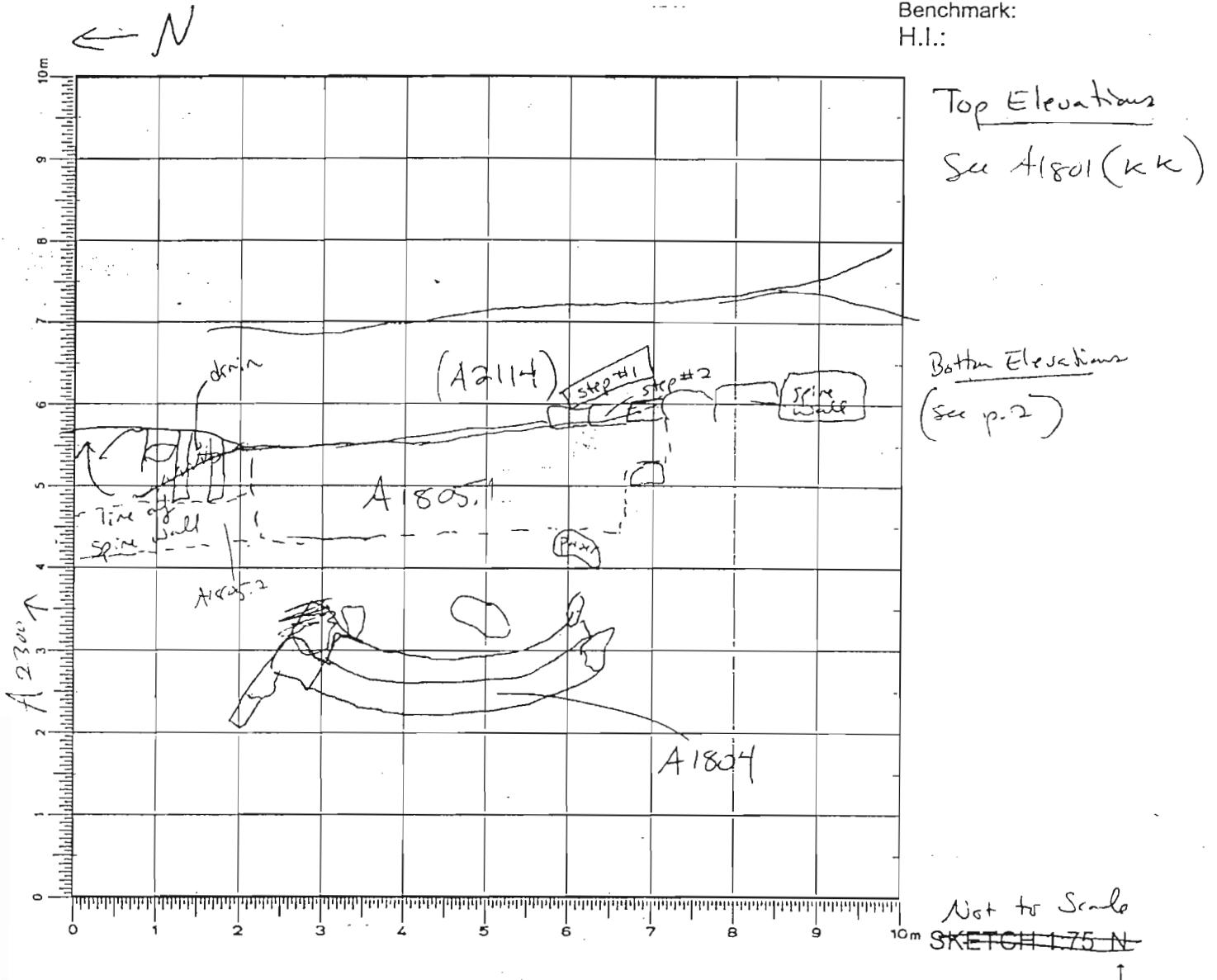
Year 03 Trench/Locus A1805 Excavator GKP**Elevations**

Benchmark used:

Reading on

Benchmark:

H.I.:



DEFINITION/DESCRIPTION of LOCUS (explain why you changed locus numbers):

Today's date:

26 Jun 03

Locus above:

~~A1805~~ none

Locus parameters:

Eastern end of terrace that holds A1804. ~~area to~~

Verbal description:

A1805.1: we dig area east of ^{feature} A1804 in order to find the western face of the spine wall. We find more large boulders behind the face of the spine wall - more steps? Section of wall turns toward the west at the southern edge of step #2.

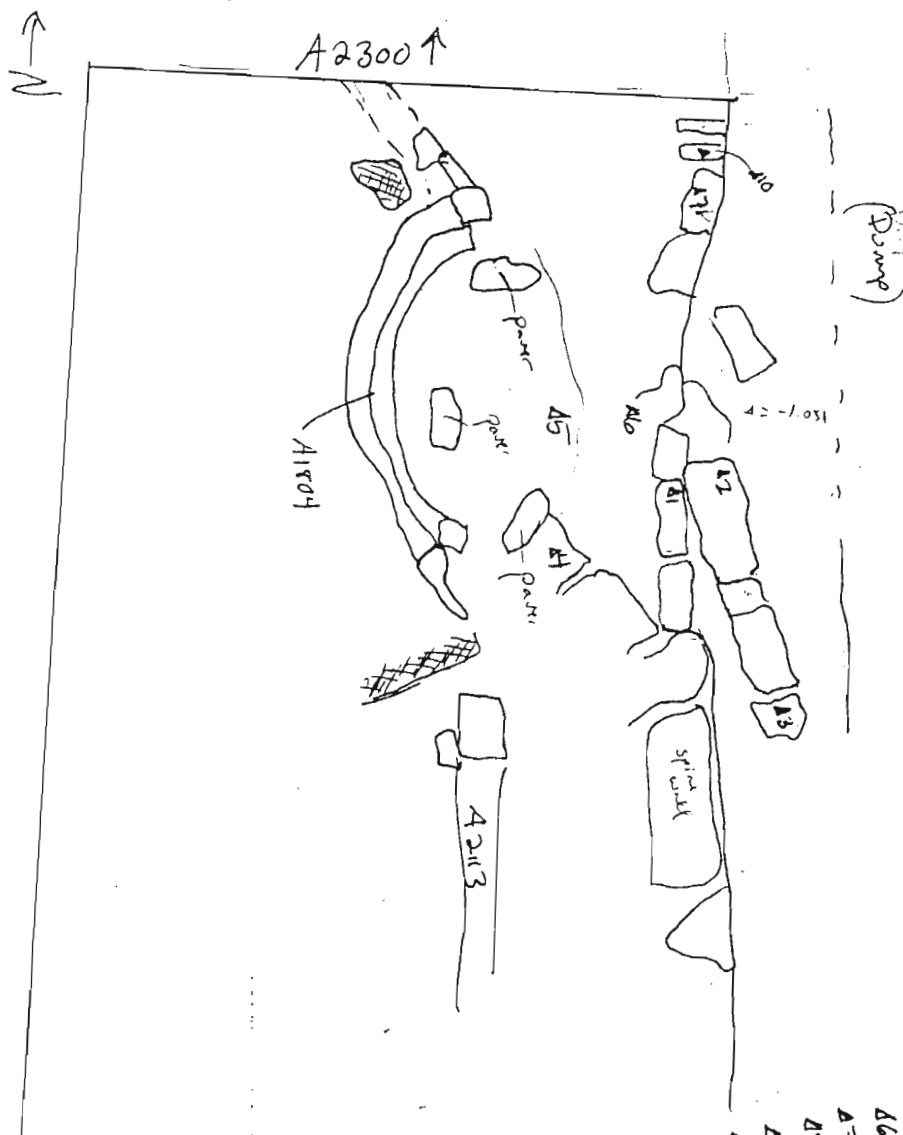
Locus Interpretative Comments (What do you think this is? DATE your comments, continue on additional pages if necessary):

[illegible][illegible][illegible]

Year 03 Trench/Locus A1805 Excavator GRP

DESCRIPTION of PROGRESS of EXCAVATION [date each entry and identify associated pottery pail(s)]:

27 Jun 03 A1805.2 continues A1805.1 to the N along the line of trench A2300.
No relationship established b/w spine wall + A1804-



A1805 + A2114 Final Plan + Elevation
(not to Scale)

A1 = 2.367
A1H1 - 2.877 = -0.510
A2H1 - 3.060 = -0.693
A3H1 - 3.329 = -0.962
A4H1 - 2.468 = -0.101
A5H1 - 2.746 = -0.379
A6H1 - 3.031 = -1.664
A7H1 - 3.112 = -0.745
A8H1 - 3.356 = -0.989
A9H1 - 3.126 = -0.759
A10H1 - 3.175 = -0.808